**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend paragraph [0002] as follows:**

Snow removal machines with an auger unit including a blower ~~of that kind~~ for removing snow accumulated on a road surface or the like include a known snow removal machine disclosed, for example, in Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. HEI-3-137311. The auger unit of this snow removal machine including the blower will be described with reference to FIG. 10.

**Please amend paragraph [0018] as follows:**

The throwing-up blades are preferably detachably attached to the respective supporting members. In the following embodiments, each throwing-up blade is attached to the supporting member with bolts and nuts. When the throwing-up blade is plastically deformed or broken, ~~that~~ it can be easily replaced with a new one without trouble only by unfastening the bolts.

**Please amend paragraph [0033] as follows:**

Drive electric motors 12 (only the left electric motor shown) are mounted to left and right lower portions of the body 11. A ~~driving~~ running section 13 is connected to the

left and right electric motors 12. An engine 14 is mounted on top of the body 11. An auger unit 30 driven by the engine 14 is mounted to the front of the body 11. The rear of the auger unit 30 and the engine ~~13~~ 14 are covered by a cover 15. The left and right operating handles 16 are extended from upper portions of the body 11 in a rearward and upward direction. The operating panel 17 is mounted between the left and right operating handles 16.

**Please amend paragraph [0035] as follows:**

The left running unit 20 has a left drive wheel 21 connected to the left electric motor 12, a left idler wheel 22 provided rotatably behind the drive wheel 21, and a left crawler belt 23 running between the left drive wheel 21 and the left idler wheel ~~32~~ 22. The left crawler belt 23 is rotated by driving the left drive wheel 21 with the left electric motor 12.

**Please amend paragraph [0068] as follows:**

Referring to FIG. 5C, the throwing-up blade 56 is elastically deformed rearward, abutting on the tapered portion 68. More specifically, the throwing-up blade 56 elastically bends about the proximal end portion thereon while the blade body 72 does not bend but rather pivots rearwardly, free from

deformation, about the proximal end portion until the blade body contacts the tapered portion 68. As a result, the clearance S1 between the blower 40 and the inside peripheral surface 37a (see FIG. 5B) is changed to a clearance S2 which is larger than the foreign matter 80.

**Please amend paragraph [0081] as follows:**

As described above, the snow 81a left on the supporting member 55 falls through the opening 70 and is thrown up by the following throwing-up blade 56, so that no snow is left on the supporting member 55. ~~The fact~~ This eliminates an additional load caused by the weight of the snow 81a left on the supporting members 55 to the blower 40, allowing the blower 40 to rotate at a desired rotation speed, efficiently throwing up the snow 81 to the chute 53 (see FIG. 1) by the throwing-up blades 56.

**Please amend paragraph [0092] as follows:**

When a foreign matter 80 enters a gap 78 between the blower housing 31 and the throwing-up ~~lade~~ blade 56, applying a load to the throwing-up blade 56, a portion within the range H of the throwing-up blade 56 is elastically deformed, enlarging the gap 78 between the blower housing 31 and the throwing-up blade 56.

**Please amend paragraph [0096] as follows:**

The left and right augers 50 are rotated to collect snow 81 to the center in the transverse direction. ~~A~~ The snow removal machine 10 (see FIG. 1) is moved forward to bring the collected snow 81 into the blower housing 31.

**Please amend paragraph [0097] as follows:**

The snow ~~91~~ 81 brought into the blower housing 31 is picked up by each of the throwing-up blades 56 of the blower 90. The picked-up snow 81 is carried on the throwing-up blade 56. The throwing-up blade 56 carrying the snow 81 is then moved to a position below an opening 82 of the blower housing 31.